Mr. SPEAKER.—I am very happy to hear the statements made by the hon. Member Sri S. Gopala Gowda, the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and also the observation made by the hon. Member Sri H. Siddaveerappa. It was really unfortunate that things should have happened the way they happened. When this incident occurred I just thought within myself whether this is not the breach of privilege for the entire House to take notice of. The thing that happened was in the full view of the House. Anybody could take action but now there if no need to take action. Any action of disciplinary nature is to prevent recurrence of such things in future. That is one of the principal things. In that context, when Sri Gopala Gowda expressed his penitence for what has happened here, I do not think there is any necessity to proceed with it. In our great scriptures it is stated that a person who expresses his heartfelt sincere penitence is to be forgiven even for the greatest of sins. Therefore his penitence has got great value more value than punishments under the rules of procedure or provisions of the constitution or any statute. I therefore think that there is no necessity to go ahead with it and therefore I do not feel it necessary now to give my consent to it.

One thing I wish to say that we are developing a sense of discipline in this House. Yesterday, unfortunately I had to direct the withdrawal of three members from the House. I am happy they complied with it immediately and they did not think of committing breach of my direction. I am happy about it and I express my sense of appreciation and today Sri Gopala Gowda has made a statement which will go a long way to see that no such atmosphere of indiscipline prevails in this House. I sincerely request the Hon. Members to catch up this spirit of discipline and try to serve the people for which all of us are here. Let us try to help the people in the best way possible. I am sure that in democracy there are bound to be differences of opinion. The Government may put up certain propositions before the House which may not be palatable to the opposition and the opposition might say something unpalatable to the Government. But there is a way to resolve these things by argument and debate. The majority is bound to rule but at the same time the minority shall have the right of say. That is the position in democracy. But then there should be no scope for any indiscipline or disorderly behaviour here. I request the members to take a sort of inspiration from what has happened. Therefore, I do not think there is any necessity to proceed further in the matter and I think the chapter so far as what happened yesterday is closed.

Suspension of the S. S. P. Members on 21 9-69

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have received a note from the hon. Member Sri Nagappa to the effect that only members of the S.S.P. have been asked to withdraw from the House yesterday. It is incorrect. I found that

the withdrawal of only three members was necessary in the interest of discipline and I did it most painfully. I may assure hon. Members that it did not please me at all to give such a direction. I did it as a last resort and that too only to maintain the dignity and decorum of the House. There is no ill-will or malice or anything of that sort against the S. S. P. Members. I have absolutely no animus against any of them. All parties and groups are the same to me. If any such thing has appeared in newspapers, it is incorrect.

Sri M. NAGAPPA (Raichur).—It is stated in the newspaper that for the remainder of the session we are all suspended.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is wrongly published.

Sri M. NAGAPPA.—So, I want to move a motion of breach of privilege.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I shall try to find out how it has appeared in the papers.

Sri M. NAGAPPA.—I shall send the newspaper to you.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I shall take note of it.

Calling Attention Notice to a matter of urgent public importance *re*: Strike by House Surgeons in the State

Sri M. NAGAPPA.—I beg to call the attention of the Health Minister regarding the strike by the House Surgeons.

Sri Y. RAMAKRISHNA (Minister for Health).—Sir, the demands of the House Surgeons are.—

(1) To increase the stipends from Rs. 150 to Rs. 250 monthly;

(2) To convert the post of non-stipendiary posts to the stipendiary ones;

(3) Appointment of post-graduates for the whole course on stipendiary basis at Rs. 250 monthly;

(4) To provide quarters for all; and

(5) To give stipends to Rotating House Surgeons who are from the Private Medical Colleges also.

As regards the first demand of increased stipends from Rs. 150 to Rs. 250, it is difficult to concede for the reasons that the stipends have been increased from Rs. 100 to Rs. 150 only in the last September 1968. This cost an extra expenditure of Rs. 2,01,000.

The stipends have been enhanced from Rs. 100 to Rs. 150 taking into consideration the recommendations of the Indian Medical Council. Even Tukol Commission has recommended the same. The financial